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Law No. 13.891 passed on the last day of the past session of Congress, (September 30, 1949), and promulgated on November 29, was published in the Official Bulletin of December 15 and extends without term a list of 47 decree laws which were drafted in the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship between 1943 and 1946. The Embassy will make inquiries as to the significance of of this Congressional action which is at present obscure, particularly in view of the large proportion of laws pertinent only in a war situation.

The laws which are thus continued indefinitely as effective parts of the body of Argentine statutory law are the following:

1. Decree No. 5.102 of March 3, 1944, approving the Argentine-Paraguayan agreement establishing the procedure for an Argentine-Paraguayan customs union.
2. Decree No. 15.652 of December 3, 1943, approving the commercial treaty between Argentina and Paraguay.
3. Decree No. 27.177 of October 9, 1944, approving the final report of the Argentine-Paraguayan Mixed Boundary Commission.
4. Decree No. 29.163 of November 17, 1945, approving and ratifying the Argentine-Uruguayan agreement on compulsory prophylaxis against hidatidosis.
5. Decree No. 27.876 of October 17, 1944, approving the agreement for the utilization of the water of the River Pilocomayo signed by Argentina-Bolivia-Paraguay.
6. Decree No. 35.378 of December 30, 1944, dissolving the Argentine delegation to the Argentine-Paraguayan Mixed Boundary Commission.
7. Decree No. 31.452 of December 10, 1945, adhering to the Pan American Institute of Geology and History.

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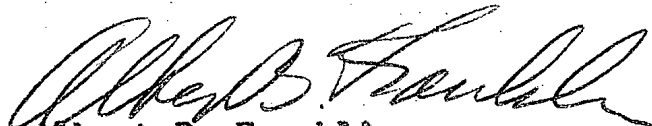
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46. Decree No. 24.413 of October 5, 1945, adding an article to the second section of the organizational statute of personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship and modifying other articles thereto.
47. Decree No. 15.110 of May 24, 1946, adhering to certain agreements concerning civil air routes signed in Chicago December 7, 1944.



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35. Decree No. 30.301 of November 7, 1944, entrusting to the Secretariat of Industry and Commerce certain functions of control and accounting specified in Decree No. 122.712 of June 15, 1942.*
36. Decree No. 6.011 of March 17, 1945, modifying article No. 9 of the regulations of the Decree No. 122.712 of June 15, 1942.
37. Decree No. 7.032 of March 31, 1945, placing under the Consejo de Administración commercial firms and entities of Japan and Germany and countries under their domination.
38. Decree No. 7.760 of April 10, 1945, enabling the Consejo Administración to block the funds of enemy countries.
39. Decree No. 10,935 of May 18, 1945, setting up a board for supervision and disposal of enemy property (Junta de Vigilancia y Disposición Final de la Propiedad Enemiga).
40. Decree No. 20.496 of September 3, 1945, requesting natives and subjects of Germany and Japan to make a sworn statement before the "Junta de Vigilancia".
41. Decree No. 26.348 of October 25, 1945, declaring which countries may be considered occupied by or under the domination of the Axis.
42. Decree No. 30.756 of December 1, 1945, extending for 90 days the deadline for presentation of sworn statements by natives and citizens of Axis and satellite countries.
43. Decree No. 11.599 of April 25, 1946, establishing the regulations for control of the property of the German and Japanese Governments.
44. Decree No. 15.990 of June 1, 1946, declaring the property of the Sociedad Anónima Industria Metalúrgica y Plástica Argentina (IMPA) of public interest.**
45. Decree No. 30.991 of November 14, 1944, establishing the organizational statute of personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Relations and Worship.

* These functions amount to supervision of the "Consejo de Administración" which was set up to supervise the activities of German and Japanese firms in Argentina.

** In 1949 IMPA was nationalized and placed under the Dirección Nacional de Industrias del Estado.